

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

What is claimed is:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for avoiding collisions on a random access channel of a telecommunication system providing Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Services (MBMS) to a plurality of subscribing user equipments, said method comprising the steps of:

dividing an MBMS session into a first period for transmission of MBMS data to user equipments and a subsequent second period for receiving feedback information, by determining a delay time period for each subscribing user equipment after the lapse of which said user equipment starts transmission of feedback information on the random access channel for acknowledgement of successfully received MBMS data portions; and

selecting a preamble signature for use on a sub-channel of a random access channel for the subscribing user equipments; then,

forwarding said respective delay time periods and preamble signature to the user equipments; [[and]] then

transmitting one or more MBMS data portions on a downlink channel to the group of subscribing user equipments; and

receiving feedback information from the plurality of user equipments.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method in a user equipment of a telecommunication system subscribing to a Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service (MBMS), said method comprising the steps of:

determining a delay time period based on dividing an MBMS session into a first period for transmission of MBMS data to the user equipment and a subsequent second period for transmitting feedback information by the user equipment;

using a preamble signature on a sub-channel of a random access channel for transmission of said feedback information by the user equipment; and

transmitting by the user equipment, after the lapse of said delay time period, feedback information on the random access channel using the preamble signature for acknowledgement of successfully received MBMS-data portions.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said delay time period starts counting at a user equipment from the successful reception of said one or more MBMS-data portions.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said delay time period is calculated from a unique identifier of the user equipment.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said delay time period constitutes a randomly determined value within a given time period.

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